



HOLMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 3 – Week Ending 31st July 2015



HPS Celebrates EDUCATION WEEK!

This week marks Education Week in all Public Schools across NSW, and HPS students have celebrated with a number of extra-curricular activities. These have included performances in the Lachlan Valley Learning Community concerts along with students from all other public schools in Cowra and Canowindra; going on an excursion to watch the Concert Matinee, having Healthy Harold Life Education Van visit HPS today, the 4/5/6 class linking with students and parents at Collaroy Plateau PS for another Video Conference and tomorrow we have "NED" Anti-bullying Workshop and Show performing at HPS. What a great week!

Students of the Week!

Congratulations to our Week 2 Students of the Week!



Micah Murphy (K/1), Christian Petty (4/5/6) and Brittney Worth (2/3)

Merit Awards were presented to;

K/1 – Eloise Newell

2/3 – Charlize Light and Jett Cummings

4/5/6 – William Lawler, Claire Lewis and Lara Collins

Library/PE – Caleb Crowe, Layla Hood, Harry Beaumont and Oliver Beaumont



CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Citizenship Award for Week 2 was selected by CHERI and goes to **Taylah Boatwood**. Taylah was chosen for being so appreciative when receiving help with her Maths this week and for giving 100% effort to her work. Well done Taylah!



Sam Lynch (Credit in Science) and Will Lawler (Credit in Science, Participation in Digital Technologies) with their ICAS Certificates at last week's Assembly.

Life Education Van – Healthy Harold!

Today all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoyed a visit with Healthy Harold as the Life Education Van made its annual visit to Holmwood! Harold and his owner Rae entertained each class as they spent a session in the van learning all about how to keep ourselves healthy. Photos from the Life Ed Van will appear in next week's Newsletter.

Book Club

All orders for the latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue are due with payment this **FRIDAY 31st JULY 2015**.

LVLC Education Week Concert

What an AMAZING Concert on Wednesday by the students involved in the Lachlan Valley Learning Community Education Week Spectacular! Well done to all HPS students who performed in the Senior Marimba Group, the Combined Drama or the Combined Choir! Thank you to all families who so promptly dropped off their children and picked them up at the conclusion of the concert – we hope you enjoyed the show! For those attending this evening's performance, you are in for a real treat! Please ensure that tonight all performers are dropped off at the Civic Centre at 6:30pm. **Pick up will be at the rear of the Civic Centre at 8:30pm.** Photos from the concert will appear in next week's Newsletter.

HPS Annual Pie

Drive

Please support Holmwood Public School's Annual Pie Drive. **Orders are due back at school on Monday 3rd August with delivery date on Thursday 13th August. Additional order forms available from the office.**



Earn and Learn

It's back! Woolworths Earn & Learn started on Wednesday 15th July. When anyone from our school community - staff, parents or friends shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on a sticker sheet. You'll get one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once completed, sticker sheets can be placed in the collection box at Cowra Woolworths or dropped in to school. The more Earn and Learn Stickers we collect, the more resources we are able to buy from our school, so please ask your family and friends to support Holmwood PS! Thank you!

PCYC Membership/Gymnastics Classes



Last week we sent home a **PCYC Membership Form** to all students. It would be appreciated if parents could complete the details on the membership forms and return to school asap. These are necessary for your child to participate in Gymnastics classes at the PCYC. We will be attending Gym classes from

Week 6 until the end of the term. The School and the P&C are generously subsidising Gymnastics classes for each student (normally \$5 per lesson plus transport). This year the cost will be just \$2 per student per lesson (total \$10). Please sign and return the attached permission note and payment of \$10 to school by Monday 17th August.

District Athletics Carnival

The District Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 7th August at The Canowindra Oval, Tilga St, Canowindra. Students who were successful in being selected in the Small Schools District team will receive their permission notes with today's Newsletter. Please check carefully for the list of events your child has been selected in. Mr Adrian Smith (Principal of Gooloogong PS) will be the Small Schools team manager and students will need to report to him on arrival at the Carnival. This year we have had 17 students selected for the team...what an outstanding effort! Please complete and return permission notes to school.

NED Anti-Bullying Program

Tomorrow HPS will host the "NED" Anti-bullying Program. This 45 minute workshop will be for all students from Kinder – Year 6 and is being provided free-of-charge. The school will also have some NED products for sale during all of Week 4. Please see the attached price list. Any purchases of NED products can be made with Anthea at the front office.

CANTEEN CANCELLED NEXT FRIDAY

Please note there will be no Canteen next Friday. Sam will be at the District Athletics Carnival with her daughters. Thank you.

Calendar

Term 3 Week 4	
Mon 3rd August	Canteen Pie Drive Orders due
Tues 4th August	Guide Dog Talks – K-6 – 12pm
Wed 5th August	Canteen
Thurs 6th August	Jeans 4 Genes Day Canteen and MUFTI
Fri 7th August	NO CANTEEN District Athletics – Canowindra Mrs Hodges - Music
Term 3 Week 5	
Mon 10th Aug	Canteen
Wed 12th Aug	Canteen
Thurs 13th Aug	Pie Drive Delivery Day Mrs Lewis – Principals meeting – Mrs Knight 4/5/6

Friday 14th Aug	<i>Canteen, Scripture</i>
Term 3 Week 6	
Mon 17th Aug	<i>Canteen Gymnastics Lessons at PCYC</i>
Wed 19th Aug	<i>Canteen</i>
Fri 21st Aug	<i>Canteen Mrs Hodges - Music</i>

Kind Regards,
Jenny Lewis
Principal

Attachments

- NED Products Price List
- Gymnastics Permission Note
- District Athletics Permission Notes and Canteen Order

K/1 News

READING EGGS:

This week the students in K/1 and 2/3 classes are trialling the online reading program called Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is a unique online world where children learn to read. It supports each child's learning by offering individual, one-on-one lessons that allow children to progress at their own rate. Students this week have completed an online reading and comprehension assessment to determine the correct reading level for them. Once the test has been done students move into games and learning experiences to help with their Literacy skills.

Reading eggs is available on the iPad and Android technology. Both classes are trialling the program to see if it will be beneficial in our classrooms. Students will receive their login details and passwords to use over the next two weeks at home and at school with this week's newsletter. Mrs Skene and Ms Edgerton would like you to encourage your child to go on the program as much as possible over the next two weeks to see what the program is like. We would also value and appreciate any feedback parents and carers have about the program. You can log on to reading eggs at <http://readingeggs.com.au/>

Another busy week has flown by for Education Week: concerts, music performances, Healthy Harold and the NED show. Wow! So much excitement at school. With all this happening we have also managed to fit in a trial program for Reading Eggs in the K-3 classes.

In English, students are learning spelling words and are completing a range of new spelling activities

which include alphabetical order, bubble writing and dictionary work. The reading eggs computer activities will also be included into our reading rotation group activities and used when student have completed other activities.

In Science this week the K/1/2 students were learning about the properties and characteristics of different materials. Students used a variety of materials including, paper, foil, backing paper, tissue paper and card board to make aeroplanes. They had to predict which material would make the best plane and see which one would fly the furthest. Guess which one won? Yes it was the paper aeroplane that worked the best.



Year 2 students testing their aeroplanes

In Maths on Tuesday this week we were very lucky to have a combined lesson with the 2/3 class. We were all discovering the concept of place value of numbers from 1 up to 5000. We were learning about the ones, tens, hundreds and thousands columns. In our number system each digit has a specific value depending on where it is placed or its position. It's vitally important that students become familiar with numbers and understand the importance of place value in order to understand our number system.

Just a reminder that homework is due in on a Friday with reading folders so that they can be marked and readers changed ready for the next week. I hope that all students are engaged in their dinosaur projects at home!

Kind Regards,
Ms Heidi Edgerton
K/1 Class Teacher

2/3 News

Wow! I cannot believe that Week 3 is almost over and what a wonderful week we have had in the 2/3 classroom. We started our Daily 5 Rotations this week and everyone is coping well and enjoying the new routines. I heard Charlotte say on Tuesday "Daily 5 is so much fun!" So when a student says that working and learning is fun I think we are onto a good thing! Well done to everyone for embracing the new routines and working to their best ability. There is a lot to learn and a lot to remember.

Last week we started our English Unit of Work on 'Comparing stories from other cultures' with our first focus text being 'Tikki Tikki Tembo' written by Arlene Morsel. Our first task was to predict what we thought the story might be about.....we had some interesting predictions just from viewing the front cover and using our prior knowledge. Then we introduced some of the vocabulary in the book and we came across some words we had never heard of before and had no idea of their meaning, but we worked together to work out the meaning of these challenging words in the text. Make sure you ask your child what is the very long name of the boy in the story - some students, on their own accord have been enjoying reciting it all week and singing the name around the classroom!

In Maths this week we have been focusing on place value with ordering, counting, modelling and reading numbers with three and four digits. It has been challenging, but we have worked really hard in this area and will continue to focus on this topic over the next week.

A reminder that Homework is due tomorrow and I would like to see more 'Reading Record Sheets' being completed and signed by parents/carers showing that your child has read each night of the week - thanks! Next week's News topic is: **Free choice of topic - Show and tell something or recount an experience.** The most interesting animal we had to guess this week from a description was Brittney's narwhal.

On Wednesday, we all thoroughly enjoyed watching the matinee performance of the Lachlan Valley Learning Community concert at the Civic Centre. Every performance was outstanding and we are so lucky to have such a talented bunch of students and teachers from our local public schools. Well done to the Holmwood students who performed

exceptionally well at the concert and represented our school proudly.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Regards

Mrs Fiona Skene

2/3 Class Teacher

4/5/6 News

Another week down and what a BUSY week it has been! 4/5/6 has had Mrs Kiely and Mrs Knight while I have been assisting with the organisation of the massive Lachlan Valley Learning Community Education Week Concert. Congratulations to all students involved - it has been a huge effort but also a very rewarding one!

This week in Maths our focus has been on Fractions and Decimals. We have also moved onto subtraction in our mental arithmetic timed challenges and I am so impressed with the improvements that everyone continues to make each day!

The Life Education Van was a huge hit on Thursday and our Year 6's enjoyed their very last visit with Harold - even getting some "special" time with him at the end of their session.

It was lovely to have a visit on Monday from Miah, as she made a short trip back home for a few days. Miah enjoyed joining in with our Writing sessions - a "Quickfire" Descriptive Writing task. A number of nouns were placed into a hat and one drawn out at a time. Students had exactly TWO minutes to come up with a few sentences about that object using as many descriptive writing tools (similes, metaphors, adjectives, adverbs) as they could. It was lots of fun and the descriptions we had towards the end of the lesson were AMAZING!

Don't forget Homework is due tomorrow! Have a fantastic weekend!

Kind Regards

Jenny Lewis

4/5/6 Class Teacher

News from Mrs Kiely

Planet Ark Special Feature

Last week the Term 3 Student Council, with the assistance of Nicki Burton from Bunnings, organised a most successful Planet Ark Tree Planting Activity, involving the whole school. HPS greatly appreciates the support of Bunnings and their generous donation of Nicki Burton's time and the plants for HPS Schools Sustainability Program.



Nikki from Bunnings pictured with Isobella.
Each year each Kinder child combines with a Year 6 Buddy to plant a tree in a special spot in the school. This then becomes their special tree to look after and watch it grow, just as they do! This year the Kinders planted beautiful bottle brush to make a colourful native screen along the Library fence and to attract native birds into our schoolyard.



Will enjoyed helping Jay with planting his tree.

Year 1 enjoyed preparing the Vegie Garden in preparation for spring and the planting of fresh vegetables which incorporates the HPS Live Life Well program. Years 2 and 5 were busy with Mrs Skene and Nicki weeding the flower beds and planting colourful annuals in the front garden. Meanwhile, Mrs Webster and her great Year 3-4 team were very industrious in removing debris from the sandpit and raking it until it was super soft and inviting for the lunchtime engineers, who move mountains and made tunnels to produce incredible constructions in their imaginative play.



Anna assisting Madison to plant her tree.



Katelyn, Taylah, Lilly, Lara and Lily did a great job planting new flowers at the front gate.



Oliver helped Sam plant his bottlebrush.



Kara helping Portia to plant her special tree.



Leetisha, Tarni and Bella working hard cleaning out the sandpit.

A special thank you goes to Cheri, who is our much appreciated photographer, for the brilliant snapshots of a fabulous whole school activity!

The Student Council are now preparing for the Jeans for Genes Canteen/Gold Coin Mufti Day to be held next Thursday, 6th August. Teddies, soft toys, parents and grandparents are most welcome at 11.30am for the Canteen. A plate of food for sale would be greatly appreciated. All money raised goes to this most needy cause.

The whole school wishes our Athletics Squad the very best of luck as they represent HPS and compete at the District Carnival, next Friday, 7th August!

Thank You for your wonderful support during another a very exciting fun filled Term at HPS.

Mrs Deirdre Kiely
RFF/Library Teacher

